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Fight or Get Out

Tech Viet Nam Debate

All Black and White

Lawyer, Prof In Firm Stands On U.S. Policy

The middle ground was untouched yesterday in a debate over Viet Nam before several hundred Carnegie Institute of Technology students.

One speaker held the United States should "bomb them into the Stone Age."

The other held the United States should stop bombing North Viet Nam and work for a coalition government that he conceded probably would be Communist.

Both Applauded

Students applauded both speakers, for the Hawks, Theodore Humes, an attorney who once worked for the Central Intelligence Agency, and for the Doves, Dr. Lincoln Wolfenstein, physics professor at Tech.

This is the way it went:

Wolfenstein—"Why are we in Viet Nam? We are told it is to preserve freedom, but there is no freedom there. We are told it is susceptible to dictatorship, but we are keeping one dictator there to prevent another. Is that worth dying for?"

"We are told we are there to protect our vital interests. Do we have vital interests there? Is it really a danger to the United States? We are told the real point is that Viet Nam is a domino but the domino theory does not stand up. What happens in Thailand depends on what goes on inside Thailand, not in Viet Nam."

Humes—"I'm convinced along with Gen. Curtis LeMay who said the other day that we should bomb them into the stone age. There is no evidence that the Communists have ever lessened their motives anywhere in the world, that they are seeking systematically and deliberately the control of the whole world. There is no alternative, not fight them there."



LINCOLN WOLFENSTEIN
Stop the bombing.



THEODORE HUMES
Bomb them.

we will fight them later, perhaps in the jungles of Pern."

Negotiations Urged

Wolfenstein contended the U.S. should stop bombing North Viet Nam, stop sending in more troops, work toward negotiations, leading to U.S. withdrawal, and seek ways to help the Asian nations and others to solve their problems.

Humes asserted that foreign aid, peace conferences, cultural exchanges are all "shibboleths" that have not worked before and that the U.S., having spent \$115 billion for them, "is still fighting alone in Viet Nam." The Communists will never be dissuaded by appeal, he said.